



## DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

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### PLACEMENTS DOWN 3 %

For the week ending March 01, 2003, growers placed 11.9 million broiler chicks in Delaware houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.9 million) were 3.1% from the comparable week in 2002. Eggs set in incubators during the week ending March 01, 2003, were 11.9 million, a decrease of 4.9% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected broiler-type chicks placed in Delaware was 9.6 million for the week ending February 22, 2003 compared to 10.5 million during the same week in 2002.

### BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PL
	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	PREVIOUS YR
----- THOUSANDS -----					
01/05/03	14,270	14,357	11,603	11,810	11,603
01/12/03	13,604	14,432	11,877	11,692	11,877
01/19/03	13,978	14,339	11,802	11,592	11,802
01/26/03	14,382	14,404	11,612	11,741	11,612
02/02/03	14,841	14,662	11,027	11,744	11,612
02/09/03	14,876	14,530	11,298	11,769	11,027
02/16/03	14,966	13,221	11,711	11,842	11,298
02/23/03	14,797	13,825	12,161	12,044	11,711
03/02/03	14,767	14,038	12,293	11,910	12,295

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

\* Revised.

### NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV.	PREV.	PREV.
	03/09/03	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	55.73	56.57	56.39	47.45
12-City Composite 2/	60.83	60.38	60.13	55.39

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.